(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the corrective steps being taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Payment of wages to the contractor's workers is regulated by the terms of their employment with the contractors, subject to the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act and other relevant laws.

(b) This is a legal requirement under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, compliance of which is watched by Inspectors appointed under the said Act. The coal companies have also issued instructions to the colliery managers for compliance of the provisions of law in this regard.

(c) and (d) There is no provision in the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act requiring submission of duplicate wage sheets to the Principal Employer by the contractors.

Target of coal production

2857. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the target of coal production projected for the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the achievement made in the production of coal so far, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to achieve the coal production target set for the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) According to the mid-term appraisal by the Planning Commission, the target of coal production for the terminal year (1989-90) of the 7th Five Year Plan is 212 million tonnes.

(b) The year-wise production of coal against the targets of coal production during the first four years of 7th plan are indicated below:—

(in million tonnes)

Year	Target	Production
1985–86.	154.50	154.20
1986–87.	166.80	165.77
1987–88.	183.50	179.75
1988–89.	196.28	96.60 (upto Oct. 1988)

(c) As will be seen from above, the production of coal during the first three years of the Seventh Five Year Plan has been broadly in line with the targets. The efforts made in this direction include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines and creation of necessary infrastructural facilities to optimise the coal production.

New coal reserves

2858. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to find out new coal reserves in the country;

(b) whether any such survey was conducted in Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the new coal reserves found in Orissa and elsewhere during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. Regional exploration for locating new coal reserves in the country are conducted by the Geological Survey of India.

(b) and (c) State-wise details of coal reserves as assessed by the Geological Survey of India during the last three years are as follows:—

(Cumulative Reserves in million tonnes)

State	1985	1986	1987
(a) Andhra Pradesh	9000.40	10296.60	10435.50
(b) Arunachal Pradesh	91.00	90.23	90.23
(c) Assam	280.03	280.03	280.03
(d) Bihar	57767.40	56612.30	57570.90
(e) Madhya Pradesh	25396.17	23856.44	26852.93
(f) Maharashtra	3183.35	5075.40	5075.40
(g) Meghalaya	458.94	458.94	458.94
(h) Nagaland	12.05	12.05	12.05
(i) Orissa	31318.45	34463.01	39662.82
(j) West Bengal	28393.99	28154.16	30021.74
	155901.78	159299.16	170460.54

Setting up of Telecommunications Training Centre at Bhubaneshwar

2859. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a Telecommunication Training Centre at Bhubaneshwar;

(b) if so, by when the training Centre would be set up;

(c) whether the building of that Telecommunication Centre is proposed to be constructed;

(d) if so, the estimated cost of the project; and

(e) the steps taken so far the construction of that building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) There is already a Circle Telecom Training Centre at Bhubaneshwar, accommodated in a rented building.

(c) Yes Sir, there is a proposal to construct a Departmental building for accommodating the existing Circle Telecom Training Centre at Bhubeneshwar.

(d) The value of the preliminary estimate for construction of the building for the Circle Telecom Training Centre is Rs. 1,65,69,000.

(e) The preliminary estimate for the construction of building for Circle Telecom Training Centre, Bhubaneshwar is under sanction.

Shortage of postal stationary in Rourkela

2860. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that postal stationery is sometimes not available in the Post Offices in Rourkela in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to remove the shortage?